

ABSTRACT

A press belt (11; 21; 31; 41; 51; 61; 71; 81) employed for pressurizing a zonal material, endlessly formed by an elastic material with the thickness progressively reduced from a central pressurizing portion (C₁; C₂; C₃; C₄; C₅; C₆; C₇) toward end pressurizing portions (A₁, A₁'; A₂, A₂'; A₃, A₃'; A₄, A₄'; A₅, A₅'; A₆, A₆'; A₇, A₇'). A shoe press comprising at least the aforementioned press belt, a pressure shoe (82) applying pressure to the aforementioned press belt and pressure regulation means (83) regulating the pressure of the pressure shoe. Thus, the pressure can be uniformly applied to a zonal material to be pressurized.